IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS VICTORIA DIVISION

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Ramundo Ruiz,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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V.	§	No. CA-07-56-H
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U.S. Protect and Eric H. Holder, Attorney	§	
General of the United States,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	
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FEDERAL DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that ERIC H. HOLDER, in his official capacity as the ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ¹ Federal Defendant in the above-captioned lawsuit, is appealing to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from this Court's December 11, 2008 *Order Regarding Post-Trial Motions for Judgment* and the Court's December 11, 2008 *Judgment* (judgment entered on December 15, 2008). The Court entered its judgment in accordance with the jury's September 24, 2008 *Verdict on Special Interrogatories*. Copies of the (1) December 11, 2008 Order, (2) December 11, 2008 Judgment and (3) September 24, 2008 Jury Verdict are attached hereto.

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), the recently confirmed and sworn in Attorney General is automatically substituted as the named Federal Defendant.

Respectfully submitted,

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